IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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In re:) Chapter 11
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JOANN INC., et al., 1) Case No. 25-10068 (CTG
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) (Jointly Administered)
Debtors.)
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Objections Due: May 28, 2025 at 4:00 P.M. (ET) Hearing Date: To be scheduled if necessary

NOTICE OF SECOND MONTHLY APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES OF PROVINCE, LLC AS FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS, FOR THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 1, 2025 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2025

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 6, 2025, Province, LLC, financial advisor to the official committee of unsecured creditors (the "Committee"), filed its Second Monthly Fee Application for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Province, LLC, as Financial Advisor to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for the Period From March 1, 2025 Through March 31, 2025 (the "Application"), seeking compensation for the reasonable and necessary services rendered to the Committee in the amount of \$110,264.00 and reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses in the amount of \$20.00. A copy of the Application is attached hereto for service upon you.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any response or objection to the Application, if any, must be made in writing and filed with the United States Bankruptcy

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¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases are: JOANN Inc.; Needle Holdings LLC; Jo-Ann Stores, LLC; Creative Tech Solutions LLC; Creativebug, LLC; WeaveUp, Inc.; JAS Aviation, LLC; joann.com, LLC; JOANN Ditto Holdings Inc.; Dittopatterns LLC; JOANN Holdings 1, LLC; JOANN Holdings 2, LLC; and Jo-Ann Stores Support Center, Inc.

Court for the District of Delaware, 824 North Market Street, 3rd Floor, Courtroom No. 7, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (the "Court") on or before **May 28, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time**.

The Application is submitted pursuant to the *Order (I) Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Retained Professionals and (II) Granting Related Relief* entered on March 4, 2025 [Docket No. 552] (the "<u>Administrative</u> Order").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at the same time, you must also serve a copy of the response or objection upon the following parties (the "Fee Notice Parties"): (a) the Debtors, JOANN Inc., 5555 Darrow Road, Hudson, Ohio 44236, Attn.: Ann Aber, EVP, Chief Legal and Human Resources Officer; (b) co-counsel to the Debtors, (i) Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attn.: Aparna Yenamandra, P.C. (aparna.yenamandra@kirkland.com) and 333 West Wolf Point Plaza, Chicago Illinois 60654, Attn.: Jeffrey Michalik (jeff.michalik@kirkland.com), and Lindsey Blumenthal (lindsey.blumenthal@kirkland.com) and (ii) Cole Schotz P.C., 500 Delaware Avenue, Suite 1410, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn.: Patrick J. Reilley (preilley@coleschotz.com), Stacy L. Newman (snewman@coleschotz.com), Michael E. Fitzpatrick (mfitzpatrick@coleschotz.com), M. Dougherty and Jack (idougherty@coleschotz.com); (c) the United States Trustee, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, 19801, Lockbox 35, Wilmington, Delaware Attn.: Malcolm M. Bates (malcolm.m.bates@usdoj.gov); (d) counsel to the Prepetition ABL Agent, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, One Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, Attn.: Christopher Carter (christopher.carter@morganlewis.com) and Marjorie Crider (marjorie.crider@morganlewis.com); (e) counsel to the Prepetition FILO Agent, Choate Hall & Stewart LLP, 2 International Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, Attn.: John Ventola (jventola@choate.com) and Jonathan Marshall (jmarshall@choate.com); (f) counsel to the Prepetition Term Loan Lender Ad Hoc Group, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, 200 Park Avenue New York, New York 10166, Attn.: Scott Greenberg (SGreenberg@gibsondunn.com), Kevin Liang (KLiang@gibsondunn.com), and Josh Brody (JBrody@gibsondunn.com); (g) counsel to the Prepetition Term Loan Agent, ArentFox Schiff LLP, 1301 Avenue of the Americas, 42nd Floor, New York, New York 10019, Attn.: Jeffrey Gleit (jeffrey.gleit@afslaw.com) and 1717 K Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20006, Attn.: Jonathan Bagg (jonathan.bagg@afslaw.com), and 233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 7100, Chicago, Illinois 60606, Attn.: Matthew Bentley (matthew.bentley@afslaw.com); (h) counsel to Gordon Brothers Retail Partners, LLC, Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10020, Attn.: Steven Reisman (sreisman@katten.com) and Cindi Giglio (cgiglio@katten.com); and (i) proposed counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, (i) Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, 3 World Trade Center, New York, New York 10007, Attn: Jason Adams (jadams@kelleydrye.com), Maeghan McLoughlin (mmcloughlin@kelleydrye.com) and Connie Choe (cchoe@kelleydrye.com) (ii) Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, 919 North Market Street, 17th Floor, P.O. Box 8705, Wilmington, Delaware, 19899-8705, Attn: Bradford Sandler (bsandler@pszjlaw.com) and James O'Neill (joneill@pszjlaw.com).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED AND SERVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE PROCEDURES, THEN 80% OF FEES AND 100% OF EXPENSES REQUESTED IN THE APPLICATION MAY

BE PAID PURSUANT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER WITHOUT FURTHER HEARING OR ORDER OF THE COURT.

IF A TIMELY OBJECTION IS FILED AND SERVED, A HEARING ON THE APPLICATION WILL BE HELD AT A DATE AND TIME TO BE DETERMINED.

Dated: May 6, 2025 PACHULSKI STANG ZIEHL & JONES LLP

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:	Chapter 11 Case No. 25-10068 (CTG)		
JOANN, INC., et al.,			
Debtors. 1	(Jointly Administered)		
	Objection Deadline: May 28, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (ET) Hearing Date: Only if an objection is filed.		
AND REIMBURSEMENT (AS FINANCIAL ADVISOR OF UNSECURED CREDI	LY APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION OF EXPENSES OF PROVINCE, LLC TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE ITORS, FOR THE PERIOD FROM HROUGH MARCH 31, 2025		
Name of Applicant:	Province, LLC		
Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:	The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors		
Date of Retention:	Effective as of January 30, 2025 by order entered on March 18, 2025		
Period for which Compensation and Reimbursement is Sought:	March 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025 ²		
Amount of Compensation Sought as Actual, Reasonable and Necessary:	\$110,264.00		
Amount of Expense Reimbursement Sought as Actual, Reasonable and Necessary:	\$20.00		
This is a: X monthly	interim final application.		

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² The applicant reserves the right to include any time expended in the time period indicated above in future application(s) if it is not included herein.

Monthly Billing Summary

This is the second monthly application filed in these cases.

PROVINCE PROFESSIONALS

Name of Professional Individual	Position of the Applicant, Number of Years in that Position, Prior Relevant Experience, Year of Obtaining License to Practice, Area of Expertise	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Sanjuro Kietlinski	Partner - Corporate restructuring and investment banking.	\$1,250	37.1	\$46,375.00
Derrick Laton	Managing Director - Financial analytics.	\$980	23.5	\$23,030.00
Hughes Congleton	Vice President - Investment banking and financial analytics.	\$730	10.7	\$7,811.00
Daniel Radi	Associate - Corporate restructuring and investment banking.	\$510	64.8	\$33,048.00
	Grand Total		136.1	\$110,264.00
	Blended Rate for Professionals	\$810.17		

COMPENSATION BY CATEGORY

Project Categories	Total Hours	Total Fees
Business Analysis / Operations	71.5	\$57,192.00
Claims Analysis and Objections	18.1	\$12,041.00
Committee Activities	36.5	\$31,037.00
Court Filings	6.3	\$6,017.00
Fee / Employment Applications	1.3	\$1,625.00
Sale Process	2.4	\$2,352.00
Grand Total	136.1	\$110,264.00

EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expense Category	Description	Total Expenses
Meals	Working meal.	\$20.00
Total Expenses		\$20.00

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Pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of Title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), and this Court's Order (i) Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Retained Professionals and (ii) Granting Related Relief (the "Administrative Order"), Province, LLC ("Province" or the "Firm"), financial advisor for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee"), hereby submits its Second Monthly Application for Compensation and for Reimbursement of Expenses of Province, LLC as Financial Advisor to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, for the Period from March 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025 (the "Application").

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By this Application, Province seeks a monthly interim allowance of compensation in the amount of \$110,264.00 and actual and necessary expenses in the amount of \$20.00 for a total allowance of \$110,284.00 and payment of \$88,211.20 (80% of the allowed fees) and reimbursement of \$20.00 (100% of the allowed expenses) for a total payment of \$88,231.20 for the period March 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025 (the "Second Monthly Fee Period").

Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1, this Application is supported by the Certification of Sanjuro Kietlinski which is annexed hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>. In support of this Application, Province respectfully represents as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. The Court has jurisdiction to consider the Application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012. Venue of these cases and the Application in this District is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 2. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2) and may be determined by the Bankruptcy Court. Province confirms its consent, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7008 and Local Rule 9013-1(f), to the entry of a final order or judgment by the Court in connection with this Second Monthly Fee Application to the extent that it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments in connection herewith consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.
- 3. The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are sections 328, 330 and 331 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 2016 of the

Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "<u>Bankruptcy Rules</u>"), and Rules 2014-1 and 2016-1 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Local Rules</u>").

BACKGROUND

- 4. On January 15, 2025 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), the Debtors each filed their voluntary petitions with this Court under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors are operating their businesses and managing their properties as debtors-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee or examiner has been appointed in these chapter 11 cases.
- 5. On January 28, 2025, pursuant to section 1102(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Office of the United States Trustee for Region 3, District of Delaware (the "<u>U.S. Trustee</u>"), appointed the Committee. *See* Docket No. 198. The following are the current members of the Committee: (i) Low Tech Toy Club LLC; (ii) SunYin (HK) Holding Limited; (iii) Gwen Studios LLC; (iv) Brother International Corp.; (v) Ormo Ithalat Ihracat A.S.; (vi) Advantus, Corp.; (vii) Kimco Realty Corporation; (viii) Simon Property Group, Inc.; and (ix) Regency Centers, L.P.
- 6. On January 30, 2025, the Committee selected Province as its proposed financial advisor.
- 7. On March 4, 2025, the Court entered the Administrative Order, authorizing the Committee's professionals ("Professionals") to submit monthly applications for interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses, pursuant to the procedures specified therein. The Administrative Order provides, among other things, that a Professional may file monthly fee applications. If no objections are made within twenty-one (21) days after

service of the monthly fee application, the Debtors are authorized to pay the Professional eighty percent (80%) of the requested fees and one hundred percent (100%) of the requested expenses. At three-month intervals or such other intervals convenient to the Court, each Professional shall file and serve an interim application for allowance of the amounts sought in its monthly fee applications for that period. All fees and expenses paid are on an interim basis until final allowance by the Court.

8. The retention of Province, as financial advisor to the Committee, was approved effective as of January 30, 2025, by this Court's *Order Authorizing and Approving the Employment of Province, LLC as Financial Advisor to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors Effective as of January 30, 2025* [Docket No. 595], entered on March 18, 2025 (the "Retention Order"). The Retention Order authorized Province to be compensated on an hourly basis and to be reimbursed for actual and necessary out-of-pocket expenses.

PROVINCE'S APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION AND FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

Compensation Paid and Its Source

- 9. All services for which Province requests compensation were performed for or on behalf of the Committee.
- 10. Province has received no payment and no promises for payment from any source other than the estate for services rendered or to be rendered in any capacity whatsoever in connection with the matters covered by this Application. There is no agreement or understanding between Province and any other person other than the employees of Province for the sharing of compensation to be received for services rendered in these cases. Province has received no retainer in this matter.

Fee Statements

- 11. Province seeks allowance of compensation and payment for professional services rendered to the Committee during the Second Monthly Fee Period in the aggregate amount of \$110,264.00 and for reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with the rendition of such services in the aggregate amount of \$20.00.
- 12. Attached as <u>Exhibit B</u> is a list of professionals providing services; their respective billing rates; the aggregate hours expended by each professional; a general description of services rendered, summarized by project category; a fee summary; detailed time records with a description of the services performed by each professional and the time expended; and a summary and detail of out-of-pocket expenses incurred.

Summary of Services

- 13. The employees of Province who have rendered professional services during the Second Monthly Fee Period in these cases are as follows: Sanjuro Kietlinski, Derrick Laton, Hughes Congleton, and Daniel Radi.
- 14. During the Second Monthly Fee Period, the Committee relied heavily on the experience and expertise of the above-named persons in dealing with matters described in detail below. As a result, Province's highly skilled restructuring and bankruptcy professionals devoted significant time and effort to perform properly and expeditiously the required professional services.
- 15. A summary of some of the more significant services rendered by Province during the Second Monthly Fee Period follows. This summary is divided according to the project categories used by Province in its billing in these cases. A detailed time log of all

tasks performed by Province during the Second Monthly Fee Period is set forth on Exhibit B hereto.

A. <u>Business Analysis / Operations</u>

Fees: \$57,192.00 Total Hours: 71.5

- 16. Incorporated within this project category is time incurred by Province personnel in connection with the evaluation and analysis of certain aspects of the Debtors' business and industry of operation. The work performed in this task code was necessary for the Committee to be informed on the Debtors' historical and future operating performance and strategy.
- 17. Specific services provided by Province during the Second Monthly Fee Period include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Analyzing and evaluating financial information, including weekly cash flow forecasts, weekly cash flow variance reports, and long-term financial projections;
 - ii. Corresponding with the Debtors' advisors regarding financial performance, updates on operations, sale process and business plan initiatives;
 - iii. Developing and evaluating alternate budget scenarios and applying sensitivities to the Debtors' financial forecasts;
 - iv. Preparing various analyses related to the Debtors' operations, historical balance sheets, income statements, and cash flow statements;
 - v. Reviewing and indexing financial information and other documents provided by the Debtors and their advisors;
 - vi. Review and analysis of SOFA and SOAL filing data;
 - vii. Analysis and review of case filings, and input and analysis of data from case filings;
 - viii. Assisting in the preparation of financial information for distribution to the Committee and legal counsel, including projections and budgets, analysis of the effect of various assumptions on projected financial results, and other ad hoc analyses as requested or deemed necessary; and

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Corresponding and discussing budget and other business and financial ix. results with counsel, committee professionals and within internal

team.

B. **Claims Analysis and Objections**

Fees: \$12,041.00

Total Hours: 18.1

18. Incorporated within this project category is time incurred by Province

personnel while performing various functions directly related to the preliminary analysis

and estimate of potential claims, including administrative and general unsecured claims.

C. **Committee Activities**

Fees: \$31,037.00

Total Hours: 36.5

19. Incorporated within this project category is time incurred by Province

personnel while performing various functions directly related to preparing for, meeting

with, and corresponding with the Committee of these chapter 11 cases. Province provided

updates summarizing various analyses to the Committee and provided recommendations

with regards to the Committee's position and next steps.

Specific services provided by Province during the Second Monthly Fee 20.

Period include, but are not limited to:

i. Preparing for and participating in calls with the Committee and its

counsel on issues related to the bankruptcy proceeding;

ii. Preparing summaries of various analyses into presentation materials

to be shared with the Committee and its counsel;

iii. Conferring with members of the Committee and its counsel directly

related to questions and concerns of the Committee regarding actions

and projections of the Debtors; and

iv. Conferring with other Province professionals regarding various

analyses and issues directly related to questions and concerns of the

Committee.

D. **Court Filings**

Fees: \$6,017.00

Total Hours: 6.3

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21. Incorporated within this project category is time incurred by Province

personnel while performing various functions directly related to reviewing, evaluating and

commenting on the Debtors' motions and orders filed on the docket, including analysis of

various motions and proposed orders.

Ε. **Fee / Employment Applications**

Fees: \$1,625.00

Total Hours: 1.3

Incorporated within this project category is time incurred by Province

personnel while performing various functions directly related to the employment

application of Province and other professionals for these chapter 11 cases.

F. **Sale Process**

22.

Fees: \$2,352.00

Total Hours: 2.4

23. Incorporated within this project category is time incurred by Province

personnel while performing various functions directly related to the potential sale of the

Debtors' assets.

ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES

24. It is Province's policy to charge its clients for identifiable, non-overhead

travel expenses incurred in connection with the client's case that would not have been

incurred except in connection with the representation of that particular client. It is also

Province's policy to charge its clients only the amount actually incurred by Province in

connection with such items. Such charges would include industry or company specific

research as required or as requested by counsel. Examples of travel expenses are described

below. Province does not charge for telephone calls (except the cost of specifically

identified conference call charges), faxes, and other administrative expenses. The policies

employed by Province for seeking reimbursement for out-of-pocket travel expenses are as follows:

- i. **Airfare/Train** Costs incurred by Province professionals when traveling by air or train to/from other cities on behalf of the Committee are incorporated into this Application;
- ii. **Ground Transportation** Expenses incurred by Province professionals for local transportation while outside of their home cities (on matters related to these chapter 11 cases) are incorporated into this Application. Such costs consist primarily of taxi-cab fares incurred by Province personnel while traveling. Also incorporated within this category are expenses incurred by Province professionals in connection with traveling to/from airports and parking at airports while traveling out-of-town on client matters;
- iii. **Lodging** Costs incurred by Province professionals for lodging while traveling on behalf of the Committee (on matters related to these chapter 11 cases) are incorporated into this Application;
- iv. **Meals** Costs incurred by Province professionals for meals while traveling outside of their home cities or for working meetings (on matters related to these chapter 11 cases) are incorporated into this Application; and
- v. **Miscellaneous** Costs incurred by Province professionals for various charges including supplies and financial research.
- vi. **Telephone/Internet** Costs incurred by Province professionals for various charges including in-flight Wi-Fi and conference call fees.

SUMMARY OF FEES AND EXPENSES

- 25. The Application covers Province's fees and expenses incurred during the Second Monthly Fee Period. The fees incurred total \$110,264.00 and the expenses incurred total \$20.00. These fees and expenses are consistent with Province's arrangement with the Committee and the terms of the Retention Order. Province respectfully submits that if necessary, a consideration of these factors would result in this Court's allowance of the full compensation requested.
- 26. *Time and expertise required*. Province's professional services on behalf of the Committee have required 136.1 hours of professional time in this Second Monthly Fee

Period. Province has staffed this case efficiently. Where work could be performed by professionals with lower rates, Province used such professionals to perform the assignments. A significant amount of the services rendered required a high degree of professional competence and expertise. For those services, Province used senior professionals in the interest of staffing the case efficiently.

- 27. *Time limitation imposed by these cases*. The Committee was required to understand a large volume of information in a very short time related to the financing, reorganization and potential sale of the Debtors.
- 28. The difficulty of questions. Unique and complex issues arose during the Second Monthly Fee Period. Province has advised the Committee and its counsel in regard to these issues.
- 29. The skill required to perform the financial advisory services properly. These bankruptcy cases address issues which raise complex questions. The cases require a high level of skill and expertise to efficiently and accurately analyze the economic effects of proposed sale of the Debtors and to accurately forecast the performance of the Debtors during these chapter 11 proceedings, among other things.
- 30. The amount involved and results obtained. Province has been prudent in the amount of time incurred on various tasks and believes its efforts benefited the Committee and these cases.
- 31. The preclusion of other employment by the Applicant due to acceptance of the cases. Province is not aware of any other employment specifically precluded by acceptance of these cases; however, Province professionals providing services to the Committee were not available to service other clients at their customary rates.

- 32. *The fee*. Pursuant to the terms of the Retention Order, Province will bill at their standard hourly rates.
- 33. Whether the fee is fixed or contingent. Province's fees are fixed, not dependent on the outcome of these cases; however pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 330 and 331, all fees sought by professional retained under sections 327 or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code are contingent pending final approval by the Court.
- The experience, reputation, and ability of Province. 34. Province's professionals engaged in this case have also worked in several large bankruptcy cases. Province has extensive experience representing official creditors' committees, debtors, creditors, trustees, and others in a wide variety of bankruptcy cases, including, as (i) financial advisor to the official committees of unsecured creditors of A.B.C. Carpet, AgileThought, Alex and Ani, Armstrong Flooring, Aruze Gaming, Ascena Group, Avadim Health, Barretts Minerals, Benitago, BL Restaurants Holding, Carbonlite Holdings, Cherry Man Industries, Cyprus Mines, David's Bridal, DCL Holdings (USA), Destination Maternity, DirectBuy Home Improvement, Eastern Outfitters, EHT US1 (Eagle Hospitality), Endo International, Francesca's Holding Corporation, Honx, Insys Therapeutics, Independent Pet Partners, Invacare, J Crew, Lucky's Market, L'Occitane, Mallinckrodt, Mountain Express Oil Company, Nielsen & Bainbridge (NBD Home), Neopharma, Noble House, One Web, Papyrus, Path Medical, Pier 1, PBS Brand Co. (Punch Bowl), Purdue Pharma, Prime Core Technologies, Restoration Forest Products Group, LLC, Reverse Mortgage, Revlon, SiO2 Medical Products, Stimwave Technologies, Surgalign, TECT Aerospace Group, The Rockport Company, True Religion Apparel, Tuesday Morning, Virgin Orbit, Water Gremlin, Wesco Aircraft, White Stallion Energy,

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RESERVATION

35. To the extent time or disbursement charges for services rendered or disbursements incurred relate to this Second Monthly Fee Period but were not processed prior to the preparation of this Application, or Province has for any other reason not sought compensation or reimbursement of expenses herein for any services rendered or expenses incurred during the Second Monthly Fee Period, Province reserves the right to request additional compensation for such services and reimbursement of expenses in a future application.

CONCLUSION

36. It is respectfully submitted that the amount requested by Province is fair and reasonable given (a) the complexity of the issues presented, (b) the time and labor required, (c) the skill necessary to perform the financial advisory services, (d) the preclusion of other

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employment, and (e) the customary fees charged to clients in bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy situations.

WHEREFORE, Province respectfully requests (i) approval of compensation in the amount of \$110,264.00 and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses in the amount of \$20.00 for a total allowance of \$110,284.00; (ii) payment of \$88,231.20 (80% of the allowed fees and 100% of the allowed expenses); and (iii) such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: May 6, 2025 PROVINCE, LLC

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